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KILLED. CANTON RED LEADER'S FATE.

REPORTED ASSASSINATION.

According to a rumour which has yet to be confirmed, Mr. Liu Chung-ki (also spelt Liao Chung-ki) the present Canton Finance Minister, was assassinated in Canton this morning. Liu has been head of the Labour Unions in Canton and was one of the first of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's party to encourage intercourse with Russia. He is very much opposed to foreigners and to the Chinese merchants as a class. Long before even the Shamen strike of last year he had been secretly working for Communist ideals. When the reorganisation in the Canton Government was put in effect about two months ago, he was appointed Finance Minister and is now one of the chief executives of the Kuomintang. The rumour current is that Liu was fired at by an assassin and that he died almost instantly.

CHINESE SEIZE SHIP.

MACAO VESSEL TAKEN TO CANTON.

GENUINE REPORT FAILS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Puklan, Hongmoon, August 17. The Portuguese Naval ship Colombe arrived here from Macao on August 9, and tried to tow away the s.s. Foo Cheong, a vessel flying the Portuguese flag which has been tied up here since her crew deserted through intimidation. The Colombe did not succeed through, it is stated, the Labourers Corps preventing any help being given and the warship returned alone to Macao.

On August 14, the Foo Cheong was commandeered by strikers. Manned by her original crew who, according to one report, were made to work, the steamer was taken out of the port, it is believed, for Canton.

MERCHANDISE SEIZED. To-day a junk fully laden with gunnibut oil, saltfish and other cargo, arriving from Macao, was seized by the Labourers Corps at Puklan.

MORE DELAY.

FRENCH BANK BONDS NOT ISSUED.

A CABLE DISPATCHED.

A cable has this morning been sent to Paris with a view to ascertaining when the bonds to be issued to its creditors on behalf of the Banque Industrielle de Chine are likely to be sent out East. Beyond this the manager of the Societe Francaise de Geraance could give no information to a "China Mail" representative who called on him this morning.

It had come to him as a surprise, he stated, when a creditor approached him a few days ago and said that an undertaking had been given for the issue of the bonds in August. His bank had not long taken over from the special manager, who had been in charge of matters pertaining to the Banque Industrielle de Chine in Hongkong, and this was the first time he had heard of it, said the manager, although he had come out from Head Office at Home.

Creditors would lose nothing by having to wait, further stated the manager of the bank, as the first interest coupon was due on July 15, and would be attached to the bonds whenever issued. There should not be any great delay, he thought, as it was only a question of drawing up the legal phraseology in which the terms of the bonds would be couched and their actual printing.

Major J. C. McDonnell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morrison, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Brennan, Mr. W. M. Arnett and Mr. H. Donaldson are passengers on the Mishiima Maru which left yesterday.

TODAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2.4 5/16.

BRITISH ADMIRAL'S MISSION. THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SAILS FOR CANTON.

CANTON SHIPPING EMBARGO SEQUEL.

"IMMEDIATE STEPS TO PROTECT BRITISH SHIPPING."

(REUTERS SERVICE.)

Hongkong, August 19. Vice-Admiral Sinclair has gone to Canton aboard H.M.S. "Petersfield."

It is learned in London that his visit is undoubtedly due to the Canton Government's embargo on British shipping.

Vice-Admiral Sinclair has not been specifically instructed to make representations to the Chinese authorities but as Commander-in-Chief of the China Station he will take such immediate steps to protect British shipping as he thinks fit without first consulting the Government.



The storm centre of the South—Canton under the Reds.

LONDON ALARM.

(Reuters Service.)

London, August 19.

Authoritative circles in London are concerned at the action of the Canton Government in banning the free movement of British ships to and from Chinese ports, which obviously calls for some definite step on the part of Britain as it constitutes a flagrant violation of the treaty rights of foreign governments. The British Government will give the fullest and most careful consideration to the whole position before coming to a definite decision.

The New Rules.

Canton, August 18. The Chinese authorities have drawn up rules with regard to coastal navigation providing that steamers of any nationality except British and Japanese shall be allowed to run to and from any ports, provided they omit Hongkong.

All steamers entering the port must be inspected by a picket of the anti-imperialist Union.

The export of foodstuffs or any other raw material from inland is not allowed.

It is understood the British Consul General has written to the Chinese Government asking if the regulations are official.

THE NEWS IN TOWN.

As far as can be gathered, it was believed in Hongkong—before the telegram's contents became known—that the Petersfield had gone to Canton as any other of His Majesty's ships would and that Admiral Sinclair's visit was of a purely "unofficial" character. No news has since come down from Canton.

The two view points from which Reuters' message is looked at are summarised in observations made to a "China Mail" reporter who made enquiries in representative local and official circles. As against the general comment "The Admiral's visit is significant of something doing" the Naval authorities' version was that "it is an ordinary visit of inspection to the ships in Canton." Neither they nor the Government officials when approached had received any information of power being invested in the Admiral to act without orders from Home in the interests of British shipping.

No confirmation was forthcoming of the very strong rumour about town that the Officer Com-

manding the Troops in China, Major General C. C. Luard, had accompanied the Admiral on his visit. The opinion that the Naval authorities held was that the Admiral would return to Hongkong to-night.

Further Firing?

To the incident at Shataukok where troops crossed from Chinese territory and carried off junks is to be added another which might be termed deliberately provocative. A British armed launch has been fired on from Canton "by Bolsheviks" according to report, and temporarily, at any rate, withheld from replying.

Upon enquiry at the Naval authorities this morning this report was not definitely confirmed. A report of firing had been received but this was "by no means uncommon" and in the particular case in question might have been, like so many others, from irresponsible pirate gangs.

THE LEGAL POSITION.

A member of the local legal profession, when asked by a "China Mail" man if war were impossible, replied "There is no such word as impossible; but war between Britain and Canton (or Britain and China) was in the highest degree improbable."

Admitting that if the facts outlined in the telegram were absolutely correct, he said, it meant that Canton had contraven-

ed a trade treaty to which the signatories included several more Powers. The obvious remedy—and this remedy was more likely to be ineffective than not—was through the channels of diplomatic representation. "As the cable says, the British Consul has asked if the regulations are official. Peking is certain to say they are not. Certain acts will be pointed out and Peking will promise to remedy matters. Orders will be given or even a delegate may be sent but the people responsible for carrying out the rules will persist. Diplomatic representation may continue for months and months but no one Power can declare war without acting in unison with other interested Powers."

"Where is it all going to end then?" asked the reporter.

"It will end when China has straightened herself out. At the Washington Conference, the United States gave the lead and it seems agreed that China is to work out her own salvation. Nobody is to interfere and until China is on her feet there will be no end of trouble."

Canton's Gates.

It will be recalled that on Monday a report was contradicted that Shamen's gates had been re-opened for communication. It was explained in the same article that Canton's "gates," possibly meant the right of entry by foreigners into Canton for purposes of trade.

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"VIOLENT RED."

RUSSIAN ARRESTED IN HONGKONG.

"UNDESIRABLE" PROSECUTED.

That he was found in the Colony without a valid passport was the charge framed against Joseph L. Tepitchi, an Ukrainian, before Mr. S. B. B. McDermott at the Magistracy this morning.

The accused was arrested by the Police on information received that he was a violent "Red" and had been seen taking an active part in directing the labour pickets during the strike at Shamen last year. His presence in Hongkong was therefore deemed undesirable, apart from the fact that he had no proper passport.

Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E. (Captain Superintendent of Police) said that the accused was in Macao when the strike commenced. From there he answered an advertisement in a local paper calling for volunteers, secured a billet as fireman on the Empress of Asia, and was discharged after a trip to Vancouver and back.

The accused had in his possession a document which was stated to be a "certificate" in Rumanian, on which appeared the chop of the French Consul in Canton. His Worship said that he had an idea that the passport regulations were relaxed, and he was under the impression that a document with a vise by a French Consul was sufficient for landing in the Colony. After making enquiries, Mr. Wodehouse pointed out that there was an arrangement between the British and Japanese Governments and the British and French Governments under which a passport issued in favour of one of its nationals and used by its own Consul was sufficient to entitle the holder to enter a country belonging to the other Government.

On being asked what he had to say to being found in the Colony without a proper passport or document authorised by the C.S.P., the accused stated that his passport was stolen while serving on the Empress of Asia. He made a report of the loss to the second engineer of the vessel, but not to the Police.

Addressing the accused, His Worship said that he was guilty of the charge, but before passing judgment he would remand him for two days in Police custody to enable him to produce any friends he may have to testify to his character. The accused said that he had many friends and could call them.

TYPHOONS ABOUT.

WARNING RECEIVED THIS MORNING.

MANILA'S MESSAGE.

The following telegram was received by the local American Consulate-General at 9.20 this morning from the Manila Observatory:—

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N. L. SMITH,
Food Controller.
Hongkong, 18th August, 1925.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

The Postponed Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held (by kind permission of Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird) at Volunteer Headquarters on FRIDAY next, the 21st, at 5.30 p.m. sharp. All Clubs in membership are entitled to be represented by Two Delegates.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
Hongkong, 17th August, 1925.

NOTICE.

It is proposed to form an Association of Subscribers to the Kowloon Tong Building Scheme and all subscribers are hereby invited to attend a Meeting to be held in Nam Tong Restaurant, China Building, on SATURDAY, the 22nd of August, 1925, at 8 p.m.

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Hongkong, 17th August, 1925.

HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE.

THE Annual Meeting will be held in the Pavilion of the Hongkong Cricket Club (by kind permission) on MONDAY, 31st August, 1925, at 5.15 p.m.

H. OWEN HUGHES,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th August, 1925.

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TARIFF TALK.

INVITATIONS ISSUED BY CHINA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, August 19.

China's invitation to the Tariff Conference, after mentioning the provisions of the Treaty under which the conference has been convened, goes on to state: In connection with the said Treaty it may be recalled that on January 1, 1922, at the seventeenth meeting of the Committee on Pacific and Far Eastern questions of the Washington Conference, the Chinese delegation, in giving assent thereto declared it was their intention to bring up again the question of the restoration of China of tariff autonomy for consideration on all appropriate occasions in the future. In pursuance of the above declaration, the Chinese Government has proposed that the said question be also brought up at the forthcoming conference, and expects that some arrangement will be made to remove the tariff restrictions hitherto imposed upon China.

Japan Reports.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, August 19.

The Foreign Office is not yet able to confirm the press reports concerning the Chinese Government issuing tariff conference invitations to the Powers. Considering that the propositions are very serious the Foreign Office intends giving the most careful consideration thereto before publishing its policy.

Later.

The Foreign Office this afternoon received the Chinese invitation to the tariff conference. It is stated that Japan is willing to consider customs autonomy later if China so requests.

Famine Relief Tax.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, August 19.

It is learned officially from the Waichiaupu that the conditions under which the famine relief customs surtax of one half per cent. will be imposed have now been finally agreed upon. The surtax will be imposed for a period of four months with a proviso that should the amount so raised be insufficient to meet the requirements of the situation, the Chinese Government may extend the period for a further two months. The Chinese Government suggested that the surtax become operative on November 1.

NAVAL TOUR.

AMERICANS CHEERED IN AUCKLAND.

(Reuter's Service.)

Auckland, August 19.

Detachments of the American Fleet imposingly marched in procession through the streets for an hour and a half. They were rousing cheered by huge crowds.

MAORIS' GIFT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Wellington, August 19.

The Maoris entrusted to Admiral Coontz a casket for President Coolidge, hoping it would be used to enclose a copy of an Anglo-American Treaty for world peace.

JOB OR PARTY?

SOCIALIST GOVERNOR OF IND-CHINA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, August 19.

M. Varenne, whose appointment to the governorship of Indo-China led to his expulsion from the Socialist party, interviewed, said that he preferred to devote his energies to work useful to the country rather than to waste them in sterile conflict of doctrines and opinions.

OIL COMPANIES.

\$8,000,000 CAPITAL PURCHASED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, August 19.

The Anglo-American Oil Company has purchased at a price estimated at \$8,000,000 from the Anglo-American Petroleum Transport Company, the entire outstanding capital of the British-Mexican Petroleum Company.

VIENNA RIOTS.

POLICE QUELL ZIONIST DISORDER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Vienna, August 19.

Then fourteenth Zionist Congress was opened last evening by Herr Weizmann in the presence of representatives of the Austrian Government, the League of Nations and diplomats from Britain, America, France, Germany and elsewhere. The initial sitting of the Congress passed off without incident but previously there had been serious rioting owing to had blood caused by the Austrian Nationalists anti-Semitic propaganda. The entire police force of six thousand was mustered to cope with disorders in which forty persons were injured and over a hundred arrested. Much damage was done to property. Sentences of from eight to fourteen days imprisonment were imposed on those arrested. Vienna is now quiet.

SHOTS AT BUS.

ATTEMPT ON BULGARIAN OFFICIALS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, August 19.

An outrage was attempted on the Champs Elysees last night by a band of forty Bulgarian communists who attacked MM. Theodore Kouleff and Boris Vassoff, the President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Bulgarian Sobranje, who are visiting Paris in connection with the Decorative Arts Exhibition. The parliamentarians managed to take refuge in a motor bus which the assailants rushed. The police were compelled to draw revolvers when the situation became threatening. When police reinforcements arrived they dispersed the demonstrators, two of whom were arrested.

EXCURSION DEATHS.

MILLHANDS INJURED BY EXPLOSION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Newport, R.I., August 19.

Seventeen persons were killed and seventy-five injured in the explosion of a boiler aboard an excursion steamer. The majority of the victims were employees of Messrs. Coats thread mill at Pawtucket.

Later.

The deathroll is now twenty-three. Doctors say that ten more are likely to die. The explosion occurred suddenly while the steamer was in front of the naval station on her return from Pawtucket after a day's outing of millhands. Naval launches and destroyers hurried to her assistance and took off the injured, and conveyed them to the naval hospital.

RUBBER WANTED.

FIRESTONE COMPANY'S BIG PROJECT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Akron, August 19.

Negotiations for the lease of a million acres of land in Liberia for rubber growing have virtually been concluded between the Firestone Tyre Company and Mr. Edwin Barclay, Liberian Secretary of State. It is learned from an authoritative source that a \$100,000,000 corporation will be formed to operate the plantation on a scale ensuring American rubber manufacturers an adequate supply.

EXCHANGE.

STRONG WORDS.

CRUISER BRISBANE'S VISIT.

"SHOCKING" IGNORANCE.

When the withdrawal from Chinese waters of the Australian cruiser Brisbane followed a discussion in the Australian House of Representatives in the course of which members said the "efforts of the Chinese to free themselves from their imperialistic exploiters" deserved support and that the presence of the Brisbane might be taken as indicating Australian hostility, the natural conclusion was reached that the discussion and withdrawal represented cause and effect.

A Hongkong resident, signing himself "One Who Knows," wrote on the occasion of the withdrawal that the two were not connected and that it had been the intention in the first place for the Brisbane to leave when she did. If this was so, the Australian papers must be more in the dark than "One Who Knows" for indignant articles have appeared likening the withdrawal of the cruiser to a betrayal of the white race.

The "Bulletin" of Melbourne is very bitter about it. "Shocking ignorance of the actual conditions in China," it states, was displayed by members of the House of Representatives in the debate on whether the Australian cruiser Brisbane should stay in Chinese waters while trouble is on there or run away. The worst exhibit came from that curious blend of pacifist and jingo, W. M. Hughes, alleged by many admirers to be nothing short of a sage in international affairs.

Hughes drew what he called an analogy with a story of white heretics assaulting a Chinese cabinet-maker in Lonsdale Street and the Chinese Navy bombarding Melbourne in reproof. Actually no fighting whatever has taken place on Chinese territory. The original uproar began when Chinese operatives stormed and damaged a Japanese mill in the Shanghai International Settlement, which is under the protection of the foreign consular body.

The settlement was originally leased from the Chinese Government, and the foreigner was invited to come along and build a city. This he did to such purpose that the city is now bigger than Melbourne, and probably as prosperous. Some of its property is owned by Australians. With an eye on the Red objective, the Chinese want to collar the settlement without paying for the improvements, and they have been busily demonstrating along its borders and along the borders of all other foreign concessions which are similarly situated. The European guards only fired on the demonstrators when they heaved ironmongery, supplied mainly by Soviet Russia, at white residents, or when they attempted to enter without knocking.

Another foolish utterance came from Anstey, the Labour lieutenant, who said that the disturbance was exclusively a struggle by the Mongol water-front workers to secure better conditions from the Imperialistic exploiters of their labour, and that it was a movement deserving Australian support. Actually the foreign employer has as much chance of improving the conditions of the Celestial worker as Mr. Anstey has of bailing Burri-juck dry with his hat. Owing to the fact that the international settlements have no power to impose a tariff, wages and hours of work inside the foreign pale are controlled by conditions in China proper. And conditions in China proper are beyond belief or Mr. Anstey's worst experience, and will remain so until the Chinese birth-rate is revised.

A rambling expression of muddled idealism was to be expected from Matthew Charlton, and it duly arrived. Matthew said that the way the British Government was going on, the League of Nations was doomed. There are more things likely to be doomed than the League if the present challenge of Asia and Bolshevism Russia to the prestige of the white races is handled in the timid fashion recommended by Labour altruists. The Asiatic understands and appreciates nothing so well as firmness and consistency, and any faltering by the Powers now that the pot has boiled over will result in worse chaos.

The only reasonable utterance that brightened the Federal debate came from Donald Charles Cameron, the Digger M. H. R. for Brisbane, who, speaking from personal experience of China, in time of disturbance—experience to which neither the chameleonic Hughes nor any of the Labour pacifists can lay claim—emphasised the need of action such as had been taken. Australia has no interest in grabbing concessions or territory in other countries, but if she stands, as she is supposed to do, for the protection of

HOME CRICKET.

NEWS NOT SENT BY CABLE.

FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES.

The "China Mail" has already reported that Hobbs was the first batsman in first-class cricket at Home, to get 1,000 runs this season, that Holmes (Yorkshire) was second and Hendren (Middlesex) third.

In the "Gentlemen v. Players" match which commenced on July 15, Hobbs made his 12th century of the season and brought his aggregate of runs up to 2,000 being the first to do so.

It has also been stated that Maurice Tate, who achieved such fame in Australia, was the first to take 100 wickets.

From the last mail it is now evident that Macaulay (Yorkshire) was the second bowler to get 100 wickets this season, closely followed by Parker (Gloucester), Root (Worcester) and MacDonald (the Australian) who now plays for Lancashire, who all made up their bag on the same day.

Bowling Feats.

That day (July 4) was remarkable for bowling feats. Cook, a Warwickshire colt who seldom turns out for his county, played against Kent at Tunbridge Wells and took four wickets with four balls. He finished off the innings and his analysis read, 3 overs, 13 runs, 5 wickets.

Boyes of Hampshire performed the "hat trick" at Portsmouth, finishing off the innings of Surrey who rested Hobbs in that match and for whom Sandham stepped into the breach by making 133 out of a first innings total of 272.

The Averages.

Fellow will be found the leading averages up to and including July 4:—

Batting.	Runs.	Avg.
Hobbs	1725	86.25
Holmes	1524	76.20
Hendren	1464	73.20
A. W. Carr	1042	65.12
Payton	752	62.66
Hallows	1300	56.52
Rhodes	751	53.64
Gunn (G.)	675	51.92
Sandham	1111	50.50
Woolley (F. E.)	906	50.53
Hearne	1000	50.00
Russell	910	48.36
K. S. Duleepsinhji	857	47.61
P. Perrin	665	47.50
H. J. Enthoven	650	46.42
Tyldesley (E.)	928	46.40
Sutcliffe	860	40.95

Bowling.	W.	Avg.
Tate	123	10.39
Macaulay	101	12.82
Tyldesley (E.)	86	13.66
Freeman (A. P.)	74	14.21
Parker	104	14.37
Kilner	67	14.68
R. H. Bettington	37	14.72
Durston	60	16.
J. C. White	60	16.21
Macdonald	104	16.64
Waddington	47	17.17
Barratt	50	17.3
Kennedy	64	18.01

BAGS OF ARMS.

LARGE HAUL OF BEN LINE STEAMER.

SESSIONS CASE.

A fireman on a Ben Line boat appeared at adjourned Criminal Sessions proceedings this morning on a charge of being concerned with the introduction on board of over thirty revolvers and many thousand rounds of ammunition.

According to the evidence the prisoner was caught by revenue officers on a heap of coals below one of the bunkers. He had bags of arms in his possession and above, another man had been found stowing away bags containing revolvers and ammunition (he will be charged this afternoon). The case of the Crown was that the first prisoner had been working in conjunction with the man above and it was further strengthened by his own statement in which he alleged that No. 1 fireman, (the prisoner who will appear this afternoon) was "carrying them for another man."

The fireman who was charged this morning, denied complicity this morning and the case against him will also be concluded this afternoon.

white standards from the assault of the yellow race within her borders, she cannot logically refuse to assist in the protection of her nationals in China when their lives are threatened by Asiatic forces temporarily off their heads.

ADMIRAL'S MISSION.

(Continued from page 1.)

Further light has now been thrown on the report. As will be seen in the cable above, Canton has a decided decision that foreign intercourse is necessary and that permission has now been given to trade with non-Chinese, with the exception of Britain and Japan.

Example of Russia.

"The days are passed when any foreign Power can say to China 'We want to trade and you must do this and do that,'" said a gentleman to a "China Mail" reporter. "Sixty or seventy years ago anybody could tell China that certain ports had to be opened but 'international jealousy' and the 'integrity of China question' had put a stop to all this. If Canton did not want to trade with Britain and Japan she could still observe Conventions but attain her object by exerting pressure internally when merchants and labourers would have to refrain from intercourse with nationals and/or ships of these two Powers."

"Take the case of Russia," he continued. "When the Soviet rose to power they decided to have nothing to do with Britain and other Powers. Did Britain force her trade on Russia? No, but in the course of a few years Russia found that she needed British manufactures and products and only a month ago the Russian Trade Mission is reported to have brought along orders for £15,000,000 worth of machinery, etc."

"It will be the same with Canton or any other part of China. The Chinese trader will find that they will have to obey the militarists, but in the course of time both the politicians and the public will need British and Japanese goods and they will find means to trade."

What Will America Do?

Yet another opinion expressed was that the possibilities of open rupture were very remote. Conditions were so complicated and, as in the case of the Boxer trouble, it would have to be a case of "the allies" and not any one of two Powers. It would be the United States that most of the Powers would look to for a lead, America being the creditor of almost all the interested nations. This speaker's view was that America did not want war nor did any of the European Powers. The only remedy lay in returning tit for tat, by replying with an economic blockade for an economic boycott.

THE MAN ON THE SPOT.

Vice-Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander-Sinclair, K.C.B., C.B., M.V.O., J.F., D.L., appointed to succeed Vice-Admiral Sir Allan Everett, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B., as Commander-in-Chief on the China Station, was born in 1867, second son of the late Captain John Hobhouse Inglis Alexander, R.N., C.B.

He married in 1892 Miss Julia Margaret, third daughter of the late Colonel Charles Vereker Hamilton Campbell, of Netherplace, Ayrshire. He assumed the additional name of Sinclair in 1894.

He entered the Navy in 1879, was in command of Osborne Naval College from 1905-1908; commanded the Third Light Cruiser Squadron from 1917-1920; was Admiral-Superintendent at Portsmouth Dockyard 1920-1922.

Sir Edwyn served throughout the European War and was present at the battle of Jutland Bank, in 1916, (despatches twice, K.C.B., C.B., Croix de Guerre, 3rd Class Order of St. Vladimir, with swords).

Sir Edwyn was promoted to Vice-Admiral in 1922. Sir Edwyn and Lady Alexander-Sinclair have two sons and one daughter. They have two homes in Scotland—one at Dunbeath Castle, Caithness; and the other at South Barr, Renfrew.

WHO THEY ARE.

According to the telegram Admiral Sinclair is not expected to make any representation to Canton. If he did, he would, presumably, make them to Mr. Hu Han-min (Wu Han-man in Cantonese) who was acting Generalissimo during the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's absence and who is now Foreign Minister in the Kuomintang Commission of Government.

He is considered one of the Radicals but he is not one of those who first espoused Bolshevism. Owing to a split with others in the party he lived at Exeter Terrace (off Robinson Road), Hongkong, in retirement for some time till Dr. Sun invited him to return as Chief Councillor. Recently and in his present position it can be presumed that he will act in unison with the "Red" leaders who now dominate the party.

Other well-known leaders from the Admiral may meet should

necessity arise, include Dr. C. C. Wu (Wu Chao-chu) and Liao Chung-kai (Liu Chung-ai). Dr. Wu is the son of the late Dr. Wu Ting-fang who was so well respected abroad. Latterly he was Foreign Minister until the "reorganisation" when he took over the duties of Mayor or Governor of Canton. Dr. Wu is thought to be more moderate than some of his colleagues but he may also be bound by his party.

Liu is the Labour No. 1, having mostly relied on labour support since his entry into the higher realms of Canton politics. He is a very pronounced champion of Bolshevik teachings and came to the front during the re-shuffle when he became the Finance Minister.

Of the Admiral's counterpart in Canton there is none. The Canton Navy now comprises the obsolete cruiser Wing Fung (more often described as a gunboat) which has been re-named the Chung San in honour of Dr. Sun, a few very old pattern vessels similar to pre-War small torpedo boats, clumsy river gunboats and a fairly large number of improvised armed craft, converted from ordinary steam launches. The captain of the Wing Fung is the senior officer about but he is subordinate to politicians, military chieftains and possibly a Russian "adviser."

The Canton Army's main strength consists of the Cantonese Army under General Hsu Shung-chi who has a strength variously estimated at from 10,000 to 25,000 men. He has frequently been reported to have opposed Bolshevik influences but his most recent actions indicate his sacrificing his own views for the sake of peace with his colleagues.

General Cheung Kai-shek, commands the Whampoa Cadets, Canton's crack regiment which is about 5,000 strong and are nearly all Northern Chinese mercenaries who are neither cadets, nor students. He has also a following of Yunnanese and Kiangsi men who ranged themselves on the side of the Reds in their recent struggle with the other Yunnanese. General Cheung is also said to hold distinct Bolshevik views and his actions have stamped him as the "mild fist" of the Reds.

ANTI-RED GENERAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Paklai, Kongmoon, August 17. General Leung Hung-kai, the Cantonese leader whose rupture with the Canton Bolsheviks is now common knowledge, has returned here.

He arrived yesterday. It is stated that he did not come from Canton although there have been rumours that he was detained there. There is now a report that he has been in Hongkong most of the time and that he came up from Hongkong by a private launch which was sent down to convey him here.

It is predicted that important developments are pending now that he has returned to his command.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SHARES' ENQUIRY.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—To my mind, the appointment by the Government of a Commission of Enquiry to report as to the arrangements at present existing in Hongkong for dealing in stocks and the shares of public companies is welcomed; as, with in the past few years, forces that threaten our business structure have been generated and these should be brought under control.

At present there are three exchanges whereas a large one should suffice and would be easier to control. Since business in stocks and shares has largely increased in recent years, provision for the admission of more members into one exchange, is necessary and a security of at least \$100,000 should be required from each member. In this connection it has to be borne in mind that the Sharebrokers' Association was formed because of the restricted membership of the Stock Exchange and its refusal to admit Chinese brokers as members, and in these enlightened days, it is futile to attempt to uphold such a restraint. The new exchange to be a success must be cosmopolitan and the substantial security required from a member would enhance its prestige and inspire confidence in the public.

In my opinion forward dealing can also be eliminated by the adoption of the cash margin system. Filling in foreign exchanges for instance in the New York Stock Exchange, where a transaction is completed the day after the order is executed, or in the London Stock Exchange, which requires a fortnight's settlement, these systems are well known to result in a large amount of speculation and a consequent loss of the public's money.

plutocrats of no financial standing, thereby curbing speculation which, after all, is the object of the present Commission of Enquiry.

Enclosing my card,
Yours, etc.,
S.W.H.
Hongkong, August 20.

FRENCH BANK BONDS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Please allow me space in your paper to ask when will the Banque Industrielle de Chine issue the Bonds to its creditors. Under the Settlement Scheme, creditors were given to understand that the Bonds were to be issued to them in August and the first dividend was due for payment in last July.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A brass coffin for the remains of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, to take the place of the impossible glass one sent by the Russian Soviet, arrived recently from America. It weighs about 1,400 lbs. and cost \$25,000.

The "Eastern Times" says that the management of the New World Amusement Resort has lodged a demand with the Council for indemnity in the sum of \$4,000 daily for the period that the place was occupied by servants of the Council.

Lloyd's "Bank Monthly" for July says:—Trade in China is naturally at a standstill owing to the local disturbances. If these continue, the disposal of goods already shipped or still on order with manufacturers may become a problem and the fear that such consignments may have to be thrown on the market is impeding enterprise in other directions.

One bid only was made at the China Auction Rooms yesterday when Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza put up for sale a leasehold property situated in Hollywood Road. This is held for the unexpired residue of a term of 999 years from February, 1852, the annual crown rent being \$6.07. It consists of a portion of Inland Lot No. 62 together with building thereon known as No. 65, Hollywood Road.

Chinese cooks are in demand in England, and in several instances they have been brought from the United States after having mastered the American way of preparing food. In families where the Chinese servants have been for years they are looked upon as nearly equal to the English family butler, and most of them consider that they have their jobs for life. A story is told of one old-timer who learned his art in San Francisco. One day he said to his master: "Since the war, Wong read much history." The master nodded indicating that he was pleased. Wong continued: "Wong read Stone Age—and Wong read about Glad. He go out every morn'g and chop stone. Velly great man, Gladstone, wood for cook."

A clean return of notifiable diseases was the state of affairs for the 24 hours ended Tuesday.

A large conference of educators at Peitaiho connected with Christian mission schools in China voted unanimously to take no formal action on the subject of registering mission schools with the Chinese Government.

The closure, which has produced so many angry scenes in the Commons lately, is one of the few expedients which, in Parliamentary history, have originated from outside. As a rule the "Mother of Parliaments" has originated its own procedure, but this great change was borrowed—with the name—from France, and Gladstone and others frequently spoke of it by its French name. One perfervid Briton denounced it when the Conservative Government of 1887 extended it, as "A French invention and only suitable to Frenchmen, who had never known the meaning of real liberty as between man and man and class and glass."

The balance of \$16,137,552 due the United States from the Chinese Government on Boxer indemnity payments has been remitted by President Coolidge under congressional authority granted in May, 1924. The funds are to be employed for educational and similar purposes under direction of a board appointed by the Chinese Government and composed of Chinese and American citizens. Mr. Coolidge's executive order was signed on July 16 just when the American Government was seeking to impress upon other governments the feasibility of its plan for removing some of the embarrassing elements in the present Chinese situation. News of the President's action is expected to have a beneficial effect in further demonstrating to the Chinese people the friendship of Washington. The original amount due the United States was more than \$24,000,000, but the total was reduced by act of Congress to \$13,655,492 in 1908. The board which will administer the educational fund already has been organized and is ready to begin its work.

As an urgent enterprise, which has to be completed within the current financial year, the Admiralty has decided to build a naval radio station at Kure, at a cost of ¥200,000. The proposed station, covering about forty teubo, is to be built on a plateau in Yakayama-maru at the rear of Kure. The height of the antennae will exceed 300 feet.

While one must have every sympathy with Chinese ambitions to be quite independent, it cannot escape notice that a lot of the agitation is for the acquisition of ready-made ports, and it cannot be said that the Chinese themselves have been prevented or even discouraged from creating their own ports, says the "Japan Chronicle." Various promising sites have been considered, but it has never got further than consideration, and foreign enterprise (with Chinese labour) has done all that is really worth while. An orator at Canton has promised the creation of a port which shall put Hongkong out of business, but it would be best to make it first and orate about it afterwards.

A London public morality council, representing the church in all denominations has decided to make a fresh effort to rouse public opinion against what it holds to be a growing tendency to use the stage for the portrayal and discussion of undesirable subjects. The Bishop of Kingston, vice-president of this council, in the Press, says the specific questions are to be raised of licensing an authority for London, and the terms under which the licences are to be granted. One of the proposals put forward is to make the London County Council responsible for play-licensing, with powers to control the "whole or part of a performance, as well as the language, dress, dance, and gesture." These proposals are being embodied in a petition to the Government. They reflect the view that the present censorship of plays as exercised by the Lord Chamberlain's department has proved inadequate, especially as regards its failure to take into account a play's "general tendency," as apart from its specific phrases and actions.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

London, August 19.—The death is reported of Miss Helen Gladstone, the daughter of Mr. W. E. Gladstone.—Reuter.

Mr. G. M. Young returned to the Colony by the Sicilia. Mr. M. Reader Harris was a passenger by the same steamer.

The marriage of B. Randall to Ada M. Lee is to take place at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, September 26.

"The King will be glad if you will express to the members of the first British Advertising Convention his sincere thanks for their loyal message, and his Majesty wishes all success to their deliberations." This message was received at Harrogate by Mr. Vernon, Chairman of the Convention, in response to the loyal greeting sent to the King.

Mr. Martin Eerner, formerly detective inspector in the Hongkong Police, who retired on pension a few months ago, writes to the "China Mail" glowingly about his having settled down definitely with his family at Home. Mr. Eerner is hoping for an air service to Hongkong as he wishes to send grouse out to friends and he is looking forward keenly to a period of shooting in Connemara. Mrs. Eerner wishes also to be remembered to her friends and Mr. Eerner to his colleagues. Their permanent address is No. 128, St. Laurence Road, Clontarf, Dublin, which is 15 minutes by tram from Nelson's Pillar, in the heart of the city.

In the Chapel of the Transfiguration, Kuling, on July 30, Miss Martha Eunice Hake, of the Evangelical Church Mission, and Dr. Ralph W. Emerson Spreng, of the same, were married amid a beautiful setting of ferns and bamboo, trailing vines and white lilies. The Rev. H. E. Voss officiated in the impressive double ring ceremony. Afterward a reception was given at the house of the Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Kinn, where the bride and groom received the congratulations of their friends. In the afternoon they left for Yunnan, Hunan. There Dr. Spreng is in charge of the hospital Mrs. Spreng having been engaged there during the past two years.

Friends of Mr. J. W. H. John will be glad to hear that his son, Mr. Philip Bruce John, of the British India Steam Navigation Service, has succeeded in passing the master mariners' Board of Trade examination.

Through the vision and efforts of Miss Ada Mackenzie, one of Canada's foremost golfers, a golf club exclusively for women has come into existence. The creation of the Ladies' Golf and Tennis Club, involving the purchase of an \$85,000 (G.) property, is considered quite a remarkable feat, all the more so because the whole project was carried out without the payment of any commissions to broker or real estate agent. Miss Mackenzie found the property, negotiated for it and raised the necessary funds by selling bonds. When it is considered that Toronto already had 20 golf and country clubs for men and women, the carrying out of this plan to a successful conclusion is particularly noteworthy.

Strikingly illustrative of the change which has taken place in the general attitude of the natives in Palestine during the five years of Sir Herbert Samuel's commissionership was the hearty send-off that he was accorded when he relinquished his office. For whereas in 1920 he was received with an overwhelming display of military force, along a road cleared of spectators and with armoured cars in attendance, nothing was found available for his parting salute except the old municipal gun used for announcing sunrise and sunset during the Moslem Fast of Ramadan. Moreover, no guard of honour could be secured at Jaffa, except a small body of gendarmes, themselves about to be dismissed. On almost every side were noticeable marks of good feeling and gratitude, and during his last few days in Palestine about thirty receptions were held in Sir Herbert's honour in the principal towns by all classes and communities, including the Moslem Supreme Council. Such a change not only speaks highly for his personal efforts to gain the friendship of those among whom he has lived, but also for responsiveness of the natives themselves.

A French gentleman last month had the surprise of his life when upon returning from business in Paris to the wooden house he had built himself in a rural retreat he found it was not there. Moreover all the furniture had gone too. It appears that people living in the neighbourhood, knowing that he was away at business in Paris, had taken the house to pieces and removed it, as well as all the furniture it contained. Another reason, in addition to one concerning white ants, is thus advanced against the adoption of wooden houses in Hongkong.

One of the things that stood out at Mr. and Mrs. Houghton's Independence Day reception at Crewe House was the horn-rimmed spectacle. It was its absence that rendered it conspicuous. Last year every second man, woman and child received by Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg wore a tortoiseshell frame perched athwart their noses. This year the comparatively few Americans who seemed to need aids to sight contented themselves with rimless pince-nez. One cannot pretend to say when or why a fashion that has raged fiercely in the United States for the past ten years started to go out. But going out it is, judging from this year's Transatlantic visitors to London.

Scene: A first class railway carriage on the Munich-Rome express. There are five occupants. The men are fat red-faced creatures in round spectacles, shaven heads, and prosperous, looking watch-chains. The ladies green jumpers, red scarves, yellow hats, and orange shoes seem even louder than the guttural voices, which grow noisier and noisier as the "Haseo" of Chiango chroudes. Enter the ticket collector. The babbles subside. They are all pilgrims bound for Rome. An adequate supply of tickets at special reduced "pilgrim" rates with their accompanying vouchers and cards are produced. Something is amiss. One of the innumerable "vices" or stamps perhaps. The collector decides to take their names and addresses. Here comes a stout Himmlthal, next a thin, dark, Lowenthal, then a tall, thin, Rosenberg, Rachel Cohen.

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"JEYPORE"	5,818	11th Sept.	Sapora, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KHYBER"	8,114	19th Sept.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp & Hull
"NAGPORE"	5,283	24th Sept.	Singapore and Bombay
"SARAWAK"	9,128	3rd Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUDAN"	8,698	10th Oct.	Sapora, Penang, Colbo & B'way
"MALWA"	10,941	17th Oct.	Marseilles and London
"SIOLIA"	8,312	24th Oct.	Sapora, Penang, Colbo & B'way
"SHIVA"	9,136	31st Oct.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,962	14th Nov.	Marseilles and London
"KALYAN"	8,144	28th Nov.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,985	10th Dec.	Sapora, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"MOREA"	10,911	18th Dec.	Marseilles and London
"KASHGAR"	8,005	28th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,069	1926	
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	23rd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"VAREHUNA"	14,927	4th Feb.	Sapora, Penang, Colbo & B'way
"JEYPORE"	5,818	6th Feb.	Marseilles and London
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S. S.	Tons	From HONGKONG (about)	DESTINATION
"TILAWA"	10,006	19th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
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S. S.	Tons	From HONGKONG (about)	DESTINATION
"TANDA"	6,958	2nd Sept.	Madras, Sandakan, Thursday Island
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th Oct.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Nov.	do.
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"GALDROPPA"	5,277	9th Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
"TILAWA"	10,006	1st Sept.	Kobe
"KARAWA"	9,128	4th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TAHARA"	7,938	7th Sept.	Shanghai and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	6,000	18th Sept.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,941	18th Sept.	Shanghai and Kobe
"SOUDAN"	8,698	18th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SHIVA"	9,136	2nd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SIOLIA"	8,312	2nd Oct.	Shanghai and Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Oct.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"MANTUA"	10,962	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	8,144	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TANDA"	6,958	7th Nov.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"ARAFURA"	13,911	14th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,985	14th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	8,005	28th Nov.	do.
"SOUDAN"	8,698	28th Nov.	Shanghai and Kobe
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"ARAFURA"	6,000	18th Dec.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KHYBER"	8,114	19th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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A LYING DOCUMENT.

Possession of a seditious document led to a Chinese youth being charged before Mr. S. B. B. Magistrate at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday.

Mr. Lee d'Almeida, for the defence, said that it was for His Worship to decide whether the document was, in a legal sense, seditious. Counsel admitted that the document was violently anti-British, anti-Japanese and anti-foreign. It was, he said, an endeavour on the part of the author, whoever he might be, to place the position before his nationals by stating what had occurred at Shanghai and Shimon, although the paper contained a lot of lies. Mr. d'Almeida asked His Worship to take a lenient view of the offence, as the accused came from Macao and was on his way to Manila, where he had regular occupation. A statement made by Sub-Inspector R. Shannon that the accused attempted to snatch the document after it had been handed to him by a sergeant of the search party was admitted by the defence. His Worship held that the document was seditious, and imposed a fine of \$100.

A MOOT POINT.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, the Sanitary Department prosecuted Mr. Robin and Mr. C. K. Marshall, occupants of two flats at No. 1 Carnarvon Road, for failing to provide proper dust bins. It was pointed out that there had apparently been some misunderstanding on the part of the accused in assuming that the dust bins should have been provided by Mrs. Ogilvie, who was the principal tenant of the house and sub-let the flats furnished.

The Magistrate registered a caution, remarking that it was to the public good that proper receptacles should be provided.

QUICK WORK.

The silk shipped per a.s. President Grant, which sailed from this port at 8 p.m. on July 20, arrived at New York at 11 a.m. on August 13, having been 23 1/2 calendar days in transit.

RUBBER BOOM.

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"For years I had spells of severe headaches from which I could get no relief, not even when lying down," says Mr. Pieterse. "The headaches continued for days; my legs were broken and restless, and I could hardly look at food. I was so bilious. My liver and kidneys also were affected and for days at a time pains in the back prevented me from doing any work. I tried many remedies, but got no relief until I tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills; they completely cured me."

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ALL OVER 'CHOCOLATE'.

Whether keeping chocolates in the shop window for three weeks and in an ice chest for a longer period constituted admitted acceptance of the goods which in the first place had been bought from the seller on the understanding that if they proved unsaleable they were to be returned within a few days, was the problem which Mr. Justice Wood was called upon to solve in the summary Court yesterday.

The plaintiffs were the European Asiatic Trading Company, represented by Messrs. Durant, and the defendant Messrs. A. Guetat.

The plaintiffs' case was that the chocolates were supplied in May, that on several occasions after they had been accepted requests were made for payment and that the chocolates had been kept without payment until August when in response to a solicitor's letter defendant wrote that the goods had proved unsaleable and he wanted to return them.

Mr. D. MacCallum, who appeared for plaintiffs, submitted that the time was altogether unreasonable in view of the terms on which the chocolates had been submitted on approval.

Defendant's case was that he first told the plaintiff that he wished to return the goods at the end of the first month in which he had taken delivery of them. A cooling had then come for the money on them and defendant had written on the back of a bill that he wanted plaintiff to come and take them away.

Defendant admitted under cross-examination that some of the boxes had been opened. "The closed boxes had also been exposed" in the window for sale for three weeks. Of the four which had been sold two had been returned.

Mr. MacCallum informed the court that after the delivery of the chocolates, defendant had informed the plaintiff that he intended to take out the chocolates from their cartons and sell them separately, replacing them with inferior goods. The defendant had not been long in the Colony, said Mr. MacCallum, and defendant had helped in the establishing of his business. In every way he had tried to be a friend to him and it was because of their relationship that the goods were delivered on a sale or return basis.

His Honour found for the plaintiff and made an order for payment accordingly.



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LIVERPOOL via ADEN, MARSEILLES & GLASGOW.			
TOBA MARU	Sunday	13th September	
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TANGO MARU	Wednesday	23rd September	
AKI MARU	Wednesday	21st October	
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MAYEBAH MARU	Friday	11th September	
BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.			
Delagoa Bay & Algoa Bay.			
KAMAKURA MARU	Sunday	30th August	
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.			
SADO MARU	Friday	11th September	
JAVA.			
BENGAL MARU	Sunday	9th September	
CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.			
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TANGO MARU	Thursday	20th August	
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.			
VICTORIA MARU	Friday	21st August	
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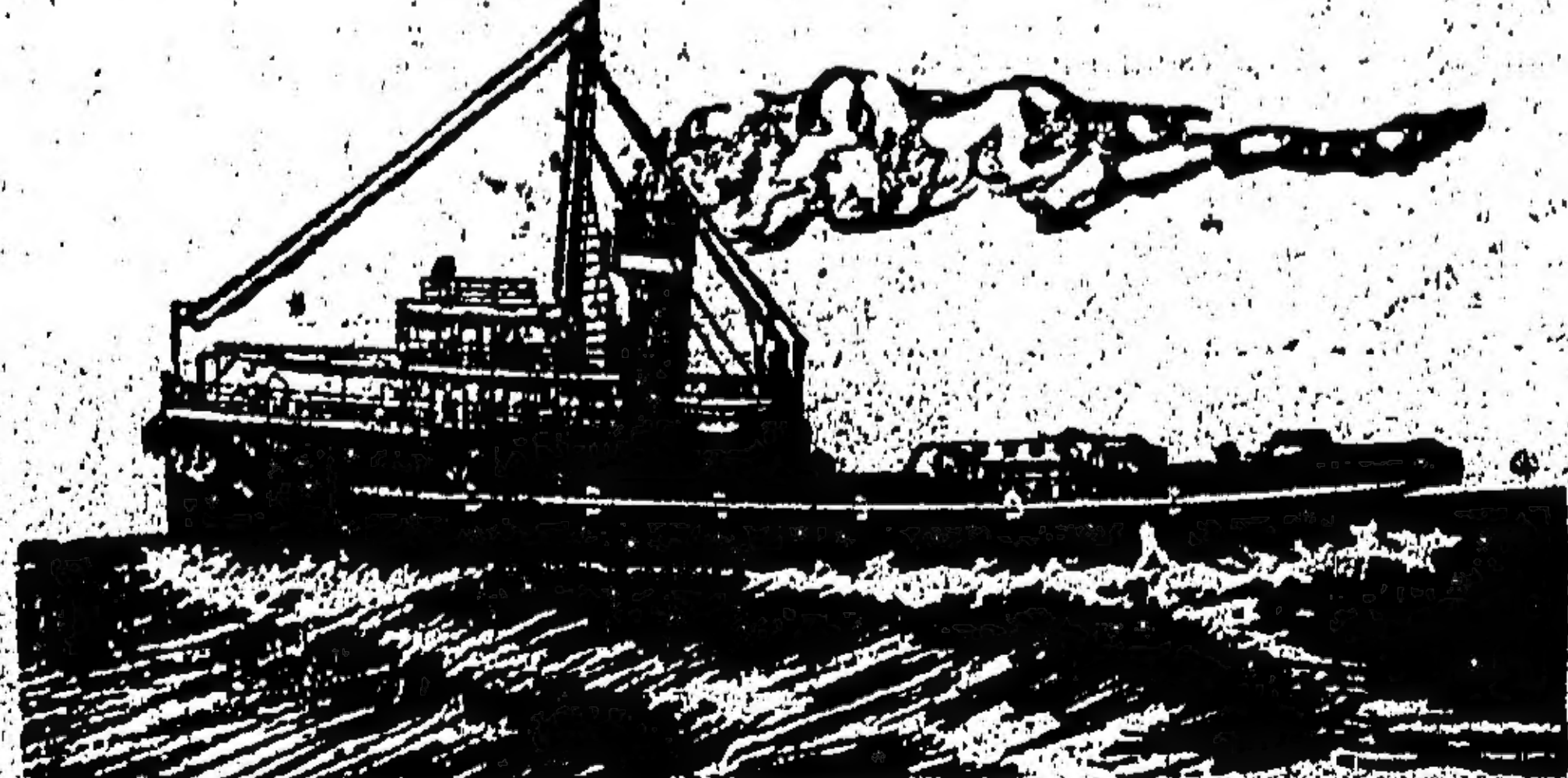
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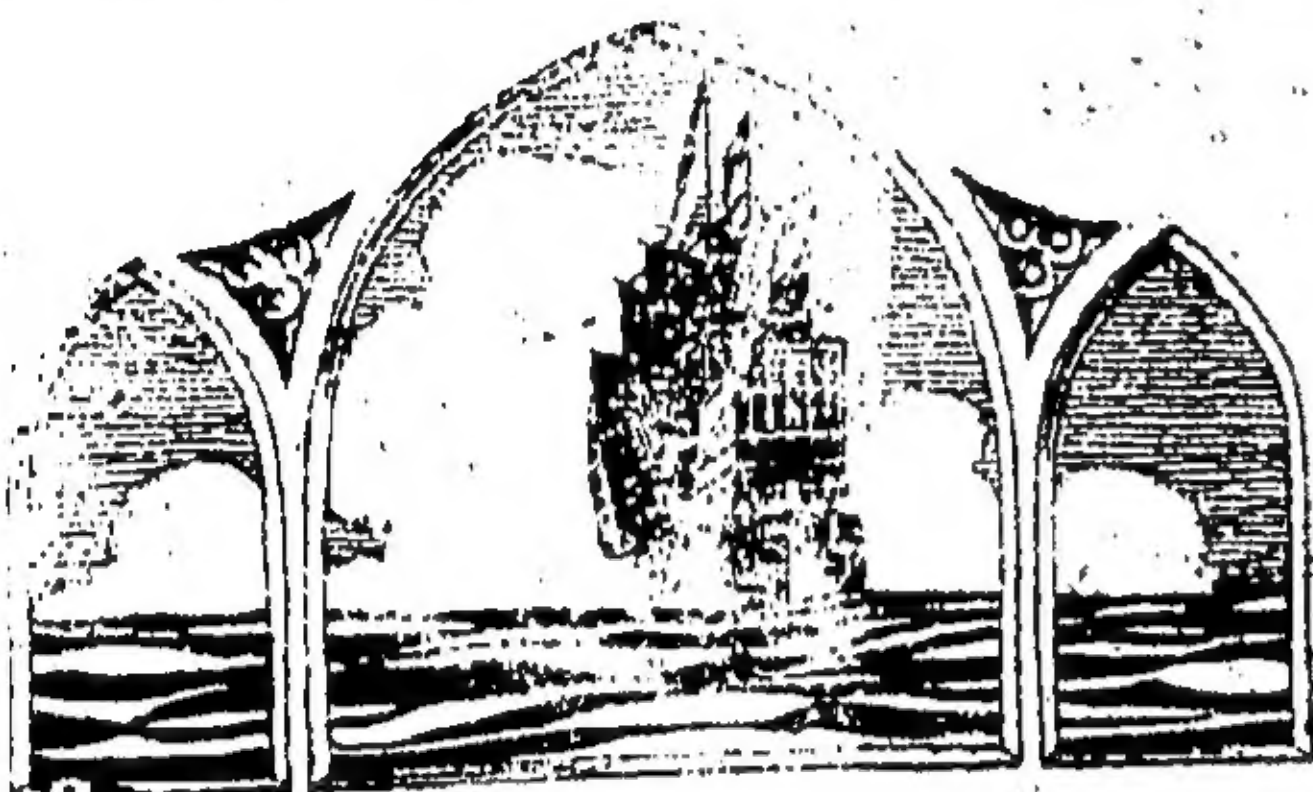
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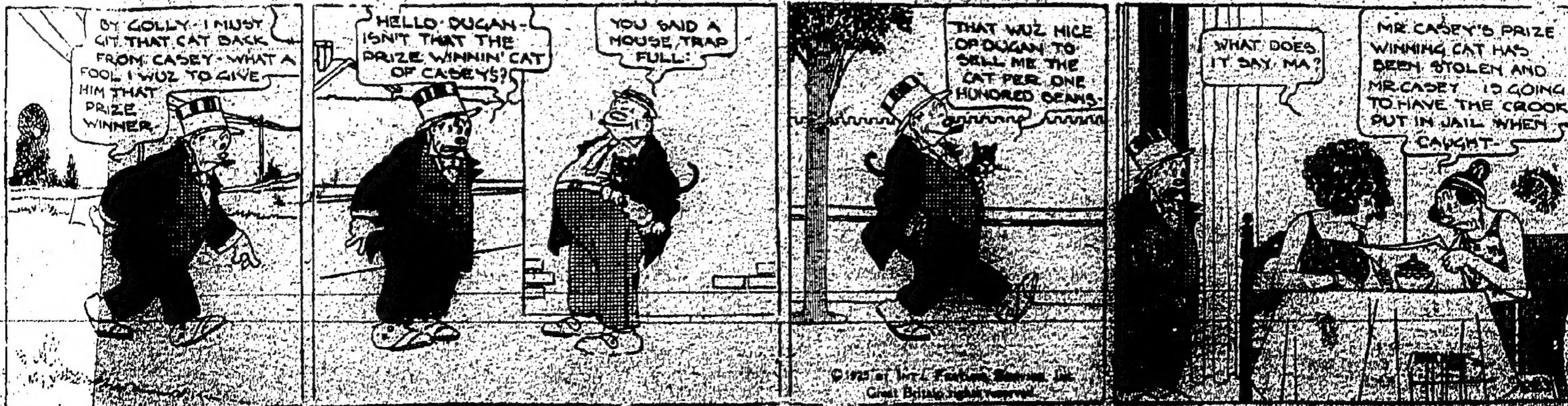
Lord Birkenhead in a London address said that England has no desire to imitate the United States in curbing rum running. America's Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Jardine holds that motor trucks will never be a serious competitor of railroads. David Meriwether Milton and his bride, the former Abby Rockefeller, granddaughter of the world's richest man, shocked Paris by their economy on their honeymoon there.

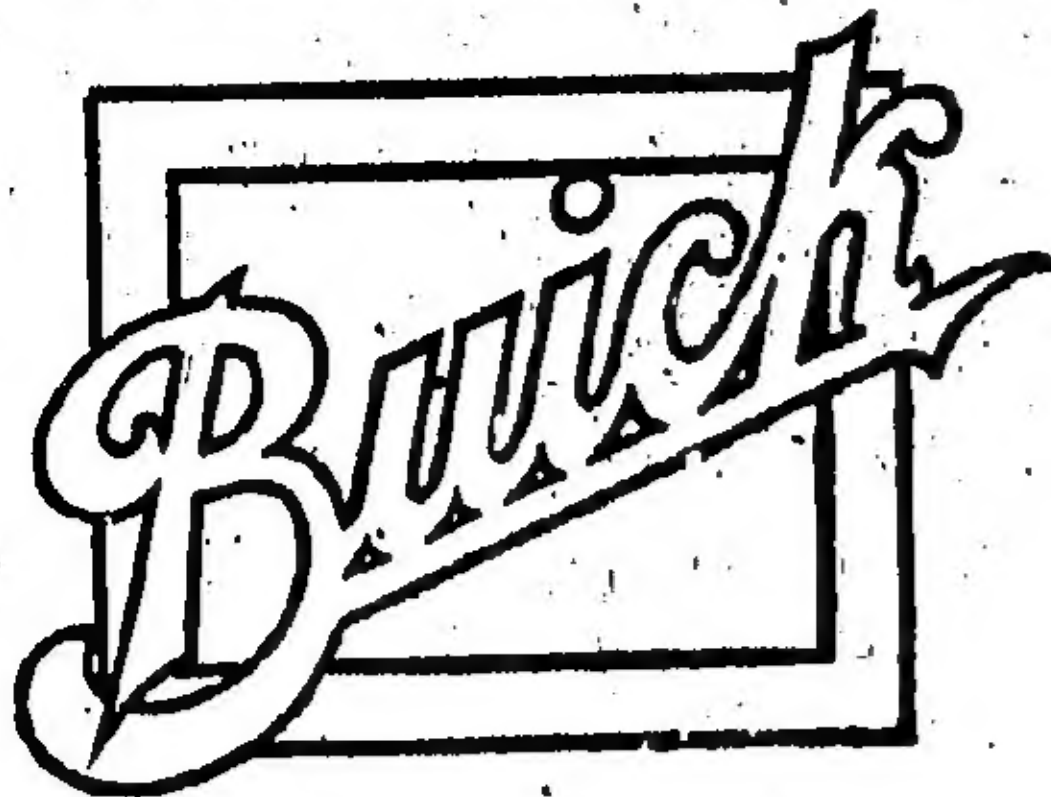


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CHINA FERMENT.

THE REAL CAUSE OF THE
TROUBLE.

CURIOUS BACKGROUND.

The well-informed "Svensk Tidskraft" supplies a curious background of Chinese politics to the recent outbreak of disorder at Shanghai, Canton, and elsewhere:—

The trouble began when the Armenian, Karachan, in August, 1923, went to Peking as the plenipotentiary of Soviet-Russia. In a manifesto setting forth the aims of his mission, Karachan declared that China was Russia's chief ally in Asia, and that the two nations must fight side by side in the great world-conflict. "Russia," he said, "had emerged victorious from the struggle with the Imperialistic Powers, which wished to enslave it; China was still engaged in the same struggle." These sentences fell on receptive ground in the minds of the youth in Peking, in Tientsin, in Hankow, wherever, in short, the liberation of China from "foreign Imperialism and Capitalism" was being passionately discussed.

The Soviet Government and the Third International present themselves everywhere in Asia as an Asiatic bulwark against the Imperialism of the Western powers. The Asiatic face of Communist propaganda is nationalistic, anti-foreign, anti-Western, and this gospel is easily understood by all the peoples of Asia. Marxism, on the other hand, interests them but little. Eighty to ninety per cent. of China's four hundred million inhabitants till their own ancestral fields, and the proletarian mentality is un-Chinese. Resistance to Europe, to "Imperialism," to the "Jesus-religion" they understand.

Less than a year after Karachan's arrival, on May 31, 1924, Mr. Wellington Koo, the pro-American and pro-English Foreign Minister in the Peking Government, was forced, much against his will, to sign and get the President, Tsao Kun, to ratify the new Russo-Chinese treaty, drafted by Karachan and C. T. Wang, which, amongst other things, gave full *de jure* recognition to the Soviet regime. A couple of months later, Karachan, now ambassador, and the only diplomat of that rank in Peking, was installed in the old Russian legation, and sat, the implacable representative of a new, consciously hostile Asia in the very citadel of the old Western diplomacy, openly adopting the attitude of leader and protector of "Young China."

Meanwhile China was in anarchy. The civil war (1924-5) had no definite result—but constituted a serious setback to the influence of the Anglo-Saxon Powers. The Manchurian dictator, Tjang Tso-lin, in Mukden, the most capable and powerful of the aspirants to supremacy in China, with close relations with Tokyo as well as with Moscow, won a comparative victory, banished the pro-English and pro-American Tsao Kun and Wu Peifu, and placed his own man, Tuan Tji-jui, as Minister in Peking. There, however, he must reckon with Feng Ju-shiang, who always plays an ambiguous part. Feng is now probably hand-in-glove with Moscow, and perhaps ready at a suitable moment to declare himself on the side of "Young China" and the "Communists" against the "plutocrat" and "Imperialist" Tjang.

Sun Yat-sen, who died last February, was, however, Moscow's mainstay in China. From being a convinced apostle of democracy, Sun became, during his last years as Chief of the Canton Government, the most prominent propagandist of Communism in Asia. In Sun's eyes Lenin became the great world-prophet, and he never wearied of preach-

ing Lenin's gospel of liberation for the oppressed peoples of Asia, and particularly China. Sun was the Paul of the new Asiatic religion.

Mr. Bland's Views.

Mr. J. O. P. Bland, than whom there is no more authoritative writer, contributes to the "English Review" a frank article on the disorders in China. In it he says:—

To ascribe the present disorders to the "growing national consciousness" of the Chinese people, as certain worthy Professors and political idealists are doing, reveals a very remarkable ignorance, not only of the actual condition of affairs in China but of the whole record of the new class of politicians and officials produced by Western education during the past fifty years. For where, in all the record of its parliamentary and other activities, can its apologists find the slightest evidence of sincere political convictions directed towards any definite national purpose of constructive reform? The Chinese have always been patriotic in the sense that they cherish a deep pride of race and a deep sense of duty towards their country, but they have never been patriotic in the sense that they have been for the foreigner, but everything in the history of the country since the proclamation of the Republic amply justifies the assertion that, if China is ever to develop a genuine, coherent national consciousness, and to take her rightful place in the comity of nations, it will not be, it cannot be, under the leadership of the hybrid class which Western learning has produced. This class has conclusively proved the impossibility of bringing its education to bear with any good result upon the realities of life and the real needs of the Chinese people. Yet out of the present strife and turmoil one good result, at least, should come. The irreconcilable Chauvinism displayed by the students of the Westernized universities of Peking and Shanghai should give the coup de grace to the proposal that the balance of the Boxer indemnity should be spent on producing more of this explosive material, and serve to divert the money to philanthropic purposes of a kind really helpful to the Chinese people, such as river conservancy directed towards the prevention of devastating floods.

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It is said that certain members of the Government who are well-known to be susceptible to Russian propaganda are in favour of isolated and immediate diplomatic action against Russia, but it appears not to be the case that they have as yet had a decisive influence on policy. To the students of diplomacy the deplorable thing is that the present Government's attitude towards Russia, which was exemplified when the MacDonald Draft Treaty with Russia was torn up and a somewhat curt Note was sent to Moscow on the subject, has led to results which can hardly be surprising. Mr. MacDonald's policy was to prevent unfriendliness, even if he could not conclude a treaty of a practical kind. Those who understand the Russian temperament best have always regretted the attitude which the present Government decided to adopt towards Russia, an attitude which could not fail to be regarded in Moscow as provocative. It is not, however, fair to assume that the Government is about to plunge into any unwise and precipitate action against the Soviet Government. There is, on the contrary, a desire to postpone any such action till the last moment if the hope that it may not be necessary.

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RUSSIA & BRITAIN.

RUMOURS OF POSSIBLE
BREAK.

CHINA THE CAUSE.

It has been widely hinted that there is a possibility that Great Britain may break off relations with Soviet Russia owing to Russian anti-British activities in foreign countries, and especially in China, says the "Manchester Guardian" of July 10.

In the House of Commons on Monday Mr. Chamberlain, the Foreign Minister, said: "The situation is of a character that needs to be watched from day to day, and the Government must have liberty to act for the protection of British interests." With regard to the allegations that Soviet agents are stirring up hostility towards Great Britain, Mr. Chamberlain said they had evidence which it would be inexpedient to publish, in addition to the "sufficient grounds," as he regarded them, contained in the speech of the Soviet Ambassador in Peking.

It is announced that Mr. Rakovsky, who has of late represented Russian diplomatic interests in Great Britain, has left Moscow by aeroplane for London. This is regarded as a hopeful sign for continued friendliness between the two countries.

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